

Technical Assistance for Community Services (TACS)

Organization Description

Technical Assistance for Community Services (TACS) has served the non-profit community in Oregon for over 25 years providing training, consultation, information, and resources for nonprofits. TACS operates the NPower Oregon program, an affiliate in the national network of NPower technology programs.

Project Description

The Oregon Faith and Community-Based Initiative (OFCI) seeks to strengthen the organizational infrastructure and stability of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) in rural Oregon as well as the Portland metropolitan area.

Geographic Scope of Project

Portland metropolitan area (Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties) and 22 selected rural communities.

Partnering Organizations

- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization
- Rural Development Initiative

Sub-Awards

The OFCI project will offer FBCOs that are enrolled in the intensive consultation services the opportunity to apply for 12-month sub-awards linked to their technical assistance plan goals in order to build infrastructure and organizational capacity. The OFCI project

anticipates providing a total of \$280,000 in 12-15 sub-awards with amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 per organization.

Priority Areas

Homeless, elders in need, at-risk youth, families in transition from welfare to work, those in need of intensive rehabilitation such as addicts and prisoners, and organizations that provide marriage education and preparation services.

Project Objectives

Project objectives include providing training, technical assistance and sub-awards to assist faith and community based organizations to:

1. develop leadership skills,
2. improve programs and services,
3. expand their capacity to raise funds,
4. increase community engagement and collaboration, and
5. develop stronger organizational structures including increasing the effectiveness of boards and management.

Project Strategies

The project will offer assistance to FBCOs through an enhanced Nonprofit Organization Helpline and support for non-profit resource centers. A selected group of targeted organizations will receive intensive one-on-one consultations and training workshops. Selected organizations will be eligible to apply for sub-awards linked to their technical assistance plan.

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Project Outcomes

- Increase in diverse organizations prepared to seek federal funding. Funding and organizational barriers reduced/removed.
- Nonprofit application process simplified.
- Improved community partnerships in place.
- Improved organizational function.
- Enhanced awareness of federal funding opportunities.

Grant Award Amount

\$696,924



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